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GEORGE by the Grace of God, of *Great-Britain France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To Our moſt dear Son, *George Auguſtus* Prince of *Wales*, the moſt Reverend Father in God, *Thomas* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England* and Metropolitan, and the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* for the time being, Our Right Truſty and Well-beloved Councellor, *William* Lord *Cowper*, Baron of *Wingham* Our Chancellor of *Great-Britain*, and Our Chancellor of *Great-Britain*, or Our Keeper of Our Great Seal of *Great-Britain* for the time being, the moſt Reverend Father in God, *William* Archbiſhop of *York*, Primate of *England* and Metropolitan, and the Archbiſhop of *York* for the time being, Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin and Councellor, *Daniel* Earl of *Nottingham* Preſident of Our Privy-Council, and the Preſident of Our Privy-Council for the time being, Our Right Truſty and entirely Beloved Couſin and Councellor, *Thomas* Marquiſs of *Wharton* and *Malmſbury* Keeper of Our Privy-Seal, and the Keeper of Our Privy-Seal for the time being, Our Right Truſty and Right entirely Beloved Couſin and

Councellor, *William* Duke of *Devonſhire* Steward of Our Houſhold, and the Steward of Our Houſhold for the time being, Our Right Truſty and Right entirely Beloved Couſin and Councellor; *Charles* Duke of *Shrewsbury* Chamberlain of Our Houſhold, and the Chamberlain of Our Houſhold for the time being, Our Right Truſty and Right entirely Beloved Couſin and Councellor, *Charles* Duke of *Somerſet* Maſter of Our Horſe, Our Right Truſty and Right entirely Beloved Couſins, *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, and *Peregrine* Duke of *Leeds*, Our Right Truſty and Right entirely Beloved Couſin and Councellor, *John* Duke of *Marlborough* Captain-General of Our Forces, Our Right Truſty and Right entirely Beloved Couſins, *John* Duke of *Buckingham* and *Normanby*, *John* Duke of *Rutland*, *John* Duke of *Mountague*, and *John* Duke of *Athol*, Our Right Truſty and Right entirely Beloved Couſins and Councellors, *John* Duke of *Argyll*, and *James* Duke of *Montroſe* One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, Our Right Truſty and Right entirely Beloved Couſin, *John* Duke of *Roxborough*, Our Right Truſty and entirely Beloved Couſin and Councellor, *Robert* Marquiſs of *Lindſey* Great Chamberlain of *England*, and the Great Chamberlain for the time being, Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin and Councellor, *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſins, *Lionel* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, *Charles* Earl of *Peterborough* and *Monmouth*, *Charles* Earl of *Carliſle*,

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Henry Earl of *Portland*, *Arthur* Earl of *Torrington*, *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough*, and *Richard* Earl of *Bradford*, Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor, *Edward* Earl of *Orford*, Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin, *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter*, Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor, *Hugh* Earl of *Cholmondeley*, Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſins *Thomas* Earl of *Clare*, and *Lewis* Earl of *Rockingham*, Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor, *Charles* Earl of *Halifax*, Our Right Truſty and Well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor, *Charles* Viſcount *Townſhend*, one other of our Principal Secretaries of State; The Right Reverend Fathers in God, *John* Biſhop of *London*, and *Francis* Biſhop of *Rocheſter*, and the Biſhops of the ſaid Sees for the time being; Our Right Truſty and Well-beloved *Thomas* Lord *Howard* of *Effingham*, Our Right Truſty and Well-beloved Councellor *John* Lord *Somers*, Our Right Truſty and Well-beloved Councellors *Henry* Lord *Carleton*, and *Richard* Lord *Cobham*, Our Right Truſty and Well-beloved Councellors *Thomas Coke* Eſquire, Vice Chamberlain of Our Houſhold, *James Stanhope* Eſquire, one other of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being, Sir *Richard Onſlow* Baronet, Chancellor, and Under Treaſurer of Our Exchequer, and the Chancellor and Under Treaſurer of Our Exchequer for the time being;

Sir *Thomas Parker* Knight Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Kings Bench, and the Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Kings Bench for the time being, *Thomas Erle* Eſquire, Lieutenant General of Our Ordnance, and the Lieutenant General of Our Ordnance for the time being, Our Right Truſty and Well-beloved *Richard* Lord *Lumley*, Our Truſty and Well-beloved *John Smith* Eſquire, Our Truſty and Well-beloved Sir *George Byng* Knight, *George Doddington* Eſquire, Sir *John Jennings*, and Sir *Charles Turner* Knights, *Abraham Stanyan* and *George Baillie* Eſquires, Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral of *England* now being, and Our High Admiral or Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral of *England* for the time being, Our Right Truſty and Well-beloved Our Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury now being, and Our High Treaſurer and Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury for the time being, Our Truſty and Well-beloved Sir *John Trevor* Knight Our Maſter of Our Rolls, and Our Maſter of Our Rolls for the time being, Our Truſty and Well-beloved Sir *Peter King* Knight, Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Common Pleas, and the Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Common Pleas for the time being, Sir *Samuel Dod* Knight, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer, and the Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer for the time being, Sir *Littleton Powys*, Sir *Robert Eyres*, and Sir *John Prat* Knights, Juſtices of Our Court of Kings Bench, and the

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Juſtices of Our Court of Kings Bench for the time being; Sir *John Blencowe* Knight, the Honourable *Robert Tracy* Eſquire, and *Robert Dormer* Eſquire, Juſtices of Our Court of Common Pleas, and the Juſtices of our Court of Common Pleas for the time being, Sir *Thomas Bury* Knight, *Robert Price* and *John Smith* Eſquires, and Sir *James Montague* Knight, Barons of Our Exchequer, and the Barons of Our Exchequer for the time being, Sir *Edward Northey* Knight, Our Attorney General, and Our Attorney General for the time being, *Nicholas Lechmere* Eſquire, Our Sollicitor General, and Our Sollicitor General for the time being, *Joſiah Burchett* Eſquire, Secretary to our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral of *England* now being, and the Secretary or Secretaries to Our High Admiral or Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral for the time being, *William Lowndes* and *John Taylour* Eſquires, Secretaries to Our Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury, and the Secretary or Secretaries to Our High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury for the time being; The Flag Officers of Our Fleet, now and for the time being; The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy now being, and the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy for the time being, The Judge of Our Admiralty, or his Surrogate, now and for the time being; The Mayor of Our City of *London*, and the Three Senior Aldermen of Our ſaid City, now and for the

time being; The Maſter of the Trinity Houſe at *Deptford Strond*, and the Five Elder Brethren of the ſaid Trinity Houſe, now and for the time being; *Matthew Aylmer* Eſquire Governor, *Robert Robinſon* Eſquire Deputy Governor, and *Galfridus Walpole* Eſquire Treaſurer of Our Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, and the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital for the time being; Sir *Chriſtopher Wren* Knight, Surveyor General of Our Works, and the Surveyor General of Our Works for the time being; Sir *William Langham*, Sir *Richard Child*, Sir *Joſeph Hodges*, Sir *Alexander Cairnes*, Sir *Francis Eyles*, and Sir *Gregory Page* Baronets, Sir *William Trumbal*, Sir *Stephen Fox*, Sir *Thomas Grantham*, Sir *Jonathan Andrews*, Sir *William Aſhurſt*, Sir *James Bateman*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *William Scawen*, Sir *Streynſham Maſters*, Sir *Samuel Stanier*, Sir *William Sanderſon*, Sir *John Vanbrugh*, and Sir *John Ward*, Knights; Doctor *John Mapletoft*, *James Craggs* Senior, *Sidney Godolphin*, *William Hewer*, *John Gore*, *William Poulteney* Junior, *Samuel Travers*, *John Robinſon*, *Lancelot Burton*, *John Guy*, *William Dawſon*, *Henry Hatſell*, *Roger Braddyll*, *William Watkins*, *Richard Gee*, and *Thomas Jennings* Eſquires *Michael Richards* Eſquire, Surveyor of Our Ordnance; and Dr. *William Oliver*, Greeting. WHEREAS by Letters Patents under The Great Seal of *England*, bearing Date on or about the Eighth Day of *April*, in the Third Year of the Reign of Our late Moſt Dear Siſter Queen *ANNE*, Our

Her late Majeſty's Comiſſion dated April 8. Anno Regni 3tio *for carrying on the Building of the Hoſpital for Relief of Indigent and diſabled Seamen, referr'd to and determin'd.*

Our ſaid Late Moſt Dear Siſter did Nominate, Authorize, and Appoint, Her Deareſt Husband Prince *George* Hereditary of *Denmark* Deceas'd, You *Thomas* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, *John* Archbiſhop of *York*, *Sidney* Lord *Godolphin*, *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, *John* Duke of *Buckingham* and *Normanby*, *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, *Charles* Duke of *Somerſet*, *James* Duke of *Ormond*, *John* Duke of *Marlborough*, *Robert* Earl of *Lindſey*, and ſeveral others therein named, Her Commiſſioners or Governors during Her Pleaſure, for carrying on and finiſhing the Building of the Royal Hoſpital of *Greenwich* in Our County of *Kent*, according to the Scheme and Model then begun, or that ſhould then after be thought fitting to be carried on; and alſo to ſtate the Accounts for the Works of the ſaid Hoſpital then, and then after to be in hand, and make Payments from time to time for the ſame; and to perfect all other Matters and Things whatſoever relating to the Building, carrying on, and finiſhing of the ſaid Hoſpital, and alſo to provide for ſuch Perſon or Perſons, by Penſions or Proviſions for the ſaid Hoſpital as ſhould be thought neceſſary, with Regard to the Acts of Parliament then made, or ſuch as ſhould then after be made for encouraging of Seamen, as in and by the ſaid Commiſſion, amongſt divers other Powers, Authorities, and Clauſes therein contain'd, relation being thereunto had, may more fully appear. IN which ſaid Office by Virtue of the Statute in ſuch Caſe

made and provided, and of Our Royal Proclamation for that Purpoſe Iſſued, they are continued until we ſhall declare Our further Pleaſure concerning the ſame. NOW KNOW YE, That we have Revoked and Determined, and by theſe PRESENTS do Revoke and Determine the ſaid Commiſſion or Letters Patents, and every Clauſe, Article, and Thing therein contained, and their Continuance in the ſaid Office, and them from the ſaid Office we do remove by theſe PRESENTS. AND WHEREAS, We having duly weighed and taken into Our Princely Conſideration of how great Importance ſo good and neceſſary a Work will be to Our Service, and out of that tender Regard which we have for the Good and Welfare of Our Loving Subjects, being extremely deſirous to promote and carry on the ſame: And Repoſing eſpecial Truſt and Confidence in your known Diſcretions, Abilities, and Integrities,

The Deſign and Commiſſioners Names recited

HAVE Nominated, Authorized, and Appointed, and DO by theſe Preſents Nominate, Authorize, and Appoint you Our ſaid Moſt Dear Son, *George Auguſtus* Prince of *Wales*, *Thomas* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, and the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* for the time being, *William* Lord *Cowper* Baron of *Wingham*, Our Chancellor of *Great-Britain*, and Our Chancellor of *Great-Britain*, or Our Keeper of Our Great Seal of *Great-Britain* for the time being, *William* Archbiſhop of *York*, and the Archbiſhop of *York* for the time being, *Daniel* Earl of *Nottingham*, and

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the Preſident of Our Privy-Council for the time being, *Thomas* Marquiſs of *Wharton* and *Malmſbury*, and the Keeper of our Privy-Seal, for the time being, *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, and the Steward of our Houſhold for the time being, *Charles* Duke of *Shrewsbury*, and the Chamberlain of Our Houſhold, for the time being, *Charles* Duke of *Somerſet*, *James* Duke of *Ormond*, *Peregrine* Duke of *Leeds*, *John* Duke of *Marlborough*, *John* Duke of *Buckingham* and *Normanby*, *John* Duke of *Rutland*, *John* Duke of *Montague*, *John* Duke of *Athol*, *John* Duke of *Argyll*, *James* Duke of *Montroſe*, *John* Duke of *Roxborough*, *Robert* Marquiſs of *Lindſey*, and the Great Chamberlain of *England*, for the time being, *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*; *Lionel* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, *Charles* Earl of *Peterborough* and *Monmouth*, *Charles* Earl of *Carliſle*, *Henry* Earl of *Portland*, *Arthur* Earl of *Torrington*, *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough*, *Richard* Earl of *Bradford*, *Edward* Earl of *Orford*, *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter*, *Hugh* Earl of *Cholmondeley*, and the Treaſurer of Our Houſhold for the time being, *Thomas* Earl of *Clare*, *Lewis* Earl of *Rockingham*, *Charles* Earl of *Halifax*, *Charles* Viſcount *Townſhend*, *John* Biſhop of *London*, *Francis* Biſhop of *Rocheſter*, and the Biſhops of the ſaid Sees for the time being, *Thomas* Lord *Howard*, *John* Lord *Somers*, *Henry* Lord *Carleton*, *Richard* Lord *Cobham*, *Thomas Coke*, *James Stanhope*, and Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, and the Chancelleror and Under Treaſurer of Our

Exchequer for the time being, Sir *Thomas Parker*, and the Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Kings Bench for the time being, *Thomas Erle*, and the Lieutenant General of Our Ordnance, for the time being, *Robert Walpole*, *Richard* Lord *Lumley*, *John Smith*, Sir *George Byng*, *George Doddington*, Sir *John Jennings*, Sir *Charles Turner*, *Abraham Stanyan*, and *George Baillie*, and Our High Admiral and Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral for the time being; The Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury now being, and Our High Treaſurer and Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury for the time being, Sir *John Trevor* Knight, Maſter of Our Rolls, and the Maſter of Our Rolls, for the time being; Sir *Peter King*, and the Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Common-Pleas, for the time being, Sir *Samuel Dod*, and the Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer, for the time being, Sir *Littleton Powys*, Sir *Robert Eyres*, and Sir *John Pratt*, and the Juſtices of Our Court of Kings Bench for the time being, Sir *John Blencowe*, *Robert Tracy*, and *Robert Dormer*, and the Juſtices of Our Court of Common-Pleas, for the time being, Sir *Thomas Bury*, *Robert Price*, *John Smith*, Sir *James Montague*, and the Barons of Our Exchequer for the time being, Sir *Edward Northey*, and Our Attorney General, for the time being, *Nicholas Lechmere*, and Our Sollicitor General for the time being, *Joſiah Burchett*, and the Secretary or Secretaries to Our High Admiral or Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High

Admiral

Admiral for the time being, *William Lowndes*, *John Taylour*, and the Secretary or Secretaries to Our High Treaſurer and Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury for the time being; The Flag Officers of Our Fleet, now and for the time being, The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy now being, and the Principal Officers in the Nature of Commiſſioners of Our Navy for the time being, The Judge of Our Admiralty, or his Surrogate, now and for the time being; The Mayor and the Three Senior Aldermen of Our City of *London*, now and for the time boing, The Maſter of the Trinity Houſe at *Deptford Strond*, and the Five Elder Brethren of the ſaid Trinity Houſe, now and for the rime being, *Matthew Aylmer*, *Robert Robinſon*, *Galfridus Walpole*, and the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital, now and for the time being, Sir *Chriſtopher Wren*, and the Surveyor General of Our Works for the time being, Sir *William Langham*, Sir *Richard Child*, Sir *Joſeph Hodges*, Sir *Alexander Cairnes*, Sir *Francis Eyles*, Sir *Gregory Page*, Sir *William Trumbal*, Sir *Stephen Fox*, Sir *Thomas Grantham*, Sir *Jonathan Andrews*, Sir *William Aſhurſt*, Sir *James Bateman*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *William Scawen*, Sir *Streynſham Maſters*, Sir *Samuel Stanier*, Sir *William Sanderſon*, Sir *John Vanbrugh*, Sir *John Ward*, Dr. *John Mapletoft*, *James Craggs* Senior, *Sidney Godolphin*, *William Hewer*, *John Gore*, *William Poulteney* Junior, *Samuel Travers*, *John Robinſon*, *Lancelot Burton*, *John Guy*, *William Dawſon*,

ſon, Henry Hatſell, Roger Braddyll, William Watkins, Richard Gee, Thomas Jennings, Michael Richards, and Dr. *William Oliver*, to be Our Commiſſioners or Governors for the Purpoſes herein after mentioned. AND TO THE END, Our Royal Purpoſe and Intention herein may the better take Effect, Our Will and Pleaſure is, and we do hereby Order, Direct and Appoint. That you do from time to time meet together at ſome convenient Place, for the Execution of this Our Commiſſion. And that you or any Seven or more of you may be, and are hereby appointed to be a Court, whereof Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury now and for the time being, or our High Treaſurer for the time being, or any Two or more of the Lords of Our Privy-Council herein before appointed Commiſſioners to be a *Quorum*. AND WE do alſo by theſe Preſents Give and Grant to you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of you, whereof Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury now and for the time being, or Our High Treaſurer for the time being, or any Two or more to be ſuch as aforeſaid, full Power and Authority to Proceed to finiſh the Building of the ſaid Hoſpital, according to the Scheme and Model already begun, or that ſhall hereafter be thought

Seven of the Commiſſioners to make a Court, whereof the Quorum *to be the Lord High Admiral, Lord High Treaſurer, or two of the Privy Council.*

Power given to proceed and finiſh the Building according to the Scheme begun, or that ſhall be thought fitting hereafter to be further carried on.

thought fitting to be carried on: And alſo to State the Accounts for Works of the ſaid Hoſpital, now, and hereafter to be in hand, and make Payments from time to time of the ſame; And to perfect all other Matters and Things whatſoever relating to the Building, Carrying on, and Finiſhing of the ſaid Hoſpital. And alſo to Provide for ſuch Perſon or Perſons by Penſions or Proviſion in the ſaid Hoſpital as ſhall be thought Neceſſary, with regard to the Acts of Parliament already made, or hereafter to be made for Encouraging of Seamen. AND OUR further Will and Pleaſure is, AND we do hereby require you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of you, whereof Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury now and for the time being, or Our High Treaſurer for the time being, or any Two or more to be ſuch as aforeſaid, to Meet and Hold a General Court quarterly, or oftner, (if Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, ſhall find it neceſſary) to Conſult concerning the Buſineſs and Affairs of the ſaid Hoſpital. And that the Governor or Deputy Governor and the Treaſurer for the time being, do aſſiſt at all Meetings, of you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or of the Directors of the ſaid Hoſpital hereafter mentioned. AND

To ſtate the Accounts for Works now or hereafter to be done, and to make Payments from time to time.

To Provide for the Maintainance of ſuch Perſons as ſhall be neceſſary, with regard to the Acts of Parliament for Encouraging of Seamen.

A General Court to be held Quarterly, or oftner if found neceſſary by the Lord High Admiral.

The Governor, Deputy Governor and Treaſurer to aſſiſt at the Meetings of the General Court, and alſo of the Directors.

WE do hereby impower and direct you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of you, to Recommend to Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, from time to time all Officers neceſſary to be employed in and for the ſaid Hoſpital. AND WE DO hereby Impower Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, to appoint all ſuch Officers accordingly, except the Governor and Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital. PROVIDED, that for the future, all ſuch Perſons ſo to be recommended and admitted into the ſaid Hoſpital, as Officers of the Houſe or otherwiſe, be Sea-faring Men, or ſuch who have loſt their Limbs, or been otherwiſe diſabled in the Sea-Service. AND WE do further hereby Authorize and Impower you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of you, whereof Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury, now and for the time being, or Our High Treaſurer for the time being, or any Two or more to be ſuch as aforeſaid, together with Our Attorney and Sollicitor General for the time being, To conſider of and prepare a Charter or Charters of Foundation of ſuch Hoſpital, and alſo ſuch Statutes, Conſtitutions, Orders and Ordinances

The General Court to recommend all Officers for the Hoſpital to the Lord High Admiral.

The Lord High Admiral to appoint all the Officers, except the Governor and Treaſurer.

All Officers or others to be admitted for the future, to be Seafaring Perſons.

The General Court with the aſſiſtance of the Attorney General and Sollicitor General, to prepare a Charter and Statutes for the perpetual Government of the Hoſpital.

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as may be proper for the Foundation, Perpetual Management, Order, Rule, and Good Government of the ſame, and of the poor People, Officers, Servants, and others that ſhall be entertained in and about the ſame, and for and concerning all other Matters and Things relating thereto, and to Preſent the ſame to Us for Our Royal Approbation. AND for that many of you Our ſaid Commiſſioners cannot conveniently Meet, in Order to Carry on Our Royal Intentions in the Premiſſes, by Reaſon whereof many Inconveniences may enſue, We therefore have thought fit, AND DO by theſe Preſents Declare and Appoint you the ſaid *Matthew Aylmer*, *Robert Robinſon*, *Galfridus Walpole*, Sir *Joſeph Hodges*, Sir *Alexander Cairnes*, Sir *Gregory Page*, Sir *Chriſtopher Wren*, Sir *Jonathan Andrews*, Sir *James Bateman*, Sir *William Sanderſon*, Sir *John Vanbrugh*, Dr. *John Mapletoft*, *James Craggs* Senior, *Sidney Godolphin*, *William Hewer*, *Samuel Travers*, *John Robinſon*, *William Dawſon*, *Roger Braddyll*, *William Watkins*, *Richard Gee*, *Thomas Jennings*, *Michael Richards*, and Dr. *William Oliver*, to be a Standing Committee, and to be Stiled the Directors of the ſaid Hoſpital. AND We do hereby give full Power and Authority, and Require and Command you the Directors of the ſaid Hoſpital, or any Five or more of you, to Meet once a Fortnight at leaſt, or oftner if Occaſion ſhall Require, to Conſult concerning the Affairs of the ſaid Hoſpital; and that the Secretary of the ſaid Hoſpital do Attend you

Twenty Four Directors appointed and named, whereof Five to be a Court.

The Directors to meet once a Fortnight at leaſt, or oftner if occaſion, attended by the Secretary.

at ſuch Meetings; and that at all ſuch Meetings Our Will and Pleaſure is, and We do hereby Require and Command you the Directors of the ſaid Hoſpital, to take eſpecial Care of the carrying on the Building of the ſaid Hoſpital, purſuant to the Model already begun, or that ſhall hereafter be thought fitting to be carried on, and to ſtate the Accounts for Works of the ſaid Hoſpital, now and hereafter to be in hand; to make Contracts for Proviſions and all Neceſſaries for the Houſe; and to do all other Matters and Things whatſoever relating thereto. And alſo to take in ſuch Perſons as by you, or any Five or more of you, together with the Approbation of Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, ſhall be thought fit to be admitted. PROVIDED always, and Our Expreſs Will and Pleaſure is, that all your Proceedings whatſoever relating to the Management of the Affairs of the ſaid Hoſpital be laid before the General Court to be held Quarterly or otherwiſe, as herein before mentioned, and to be at all times Subject to their Comptroll, whom We do by theſe Preſents give full Power and Authority to Comptroll accordingly. And for your Care and Pains in this Our Service, WE DO hereby Order and Direct that the Summ of Twenty Shillings a Man be paid to ſuch of you the Directors of the ſaid Hoſpital, as ſhall think reaſonable to demand it, the ſame to be

The Directors impower'd to carry on the Building.

To State the Accounts for the Works.

To make Contracts for Proviſions, and all other Neceſſaries for the Houſe, and to do all other matters relating thereto.

To take in Perſons by approbation of the Lord High Admiral.

All the Proceedings of the Directors to be laid before the General Court of Commiſſioners at their Quarterly Meetings.

The Directors to receive Twenty Shillings for every actual Attendance.

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Paid out of the Revenue of the ſaid Hoſpital by the Hands of the Treaſurer thereof for the time being, for every actual Attendance. AND OUR further Will and Pleaſure is, AND WE DO hereby give full Power and Authority to Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, or General Court when aſſembled, to fill up the Number of Directors upon any Vacancy by Death, Refuſal, or otherwiſe, and to Nominate ſuch Perſons as Our Commiſſioners for executing the Office of our High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, ſhall think fit to be Directors in the Room of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo dying, or refuſing to act as aforeſaid. AND OUR further WILL and Pleaſure is, and We do hereby expreſly forbid the Governor, or any Officer of the Houſe, other than the Directors afore-mentioned, or ſuch as they ſhall appoint, to be concerned in the Purchaſing or Making any Agreements for Proviſions or any other Neceſſaries for the Hoſpital, or to have any other Powers except the well Government of the Houſe, and that even that be performed by the Governor, and ſuch a Council of the Officers of the Houſe, as Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, ſhall from time to time appoint. And having no doubt but that great Numbers of Our good

The Lord High Admiral, or General Court when Aſſembled, to Nominate and fill up the Number of Directors in place of ſuch as dye or refuſe to act.

The Governor and Officers not to be concern'd in any Contracts or buying Proviſions, or other Matters

The Government of the Houſe to be by the Governor with a Council of Officers to be appointed by the Lord High Admiral.

Subjects will be disposed, and will with great Chearfulness and Readiness contribute to the advancing so Charitable a Design, which besides the Relief of so many Poor Disabled and Necessitous Persons will prove of great Advantage to the Kingdom in the increasing the Navigation and Naval Strength thereof, by encouraging fit Persons to betake themselves to Sea Service, as soon as Our Royal Intentions in the Premisses shall be made known, and that their assisting in the Building and Endowing the said Hospital, will be most highly acceptable to us;

The Commissioners impower'd to receive any Gifts or Bequests of Lands Moneys, or other Estates for the Use of the Hospital.

WE do by these Presents Authorize and Impower you Our said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, and We do by these Presents Give and Grant to you or any Seven or more of you, full Power and Authority, to take and receive from such Our Good Subjects as shall be piously disposed to contribute towards the Erecting and Endowing of the said Hospital, all such Voluntary Gifts or Subscriptions of, or for any Summ or Summs of Money, Goods or Chattels, or of or for any Estate or Interest in any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments, or other Matters or Things whatsoever, which any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, shall be willing to give, limit, appoint, or bestow, for or towards the Building, Furnishing, or Endowing of the Hospital aforesaid; and for causing to be collected and received whatsoever shall be given, contributed, bequeathed, designed or appointed for

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that Uſe, by the Hands of the Treaſurer that ſhall be hereafter appointed to receive the ſame. AND to the End that OUR Intention in the Premiſſes may be better known to Our loving Subjects, We do hereby Require you to cauſe Publick Notification of theſe Preſents, or the Tenor or Scope thereof, to be made in ſuch Places or by ſuch Ways and Means as you ſhall think moſt conducible to the furtherance of the ſaid Charity. AND WE DO alſo by theſe Preſents Authorize and Impower you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of you, by Inſtruments or Writings under your Hands and Seals, to depute and ſubſtitute ſuch Perſons as you ſhall think fit to Intruſt, to take ſuch Subſcriptions as aforeſaid; and to collect and bring in the Moneys which ſhall be contributed, Bequeathed, Deſigned, or Appointed for the Uſes aforeſaid, to the Hands of the Treaſurer or Receiver General hereafter appointed; and to Diſplace or Diſcharge ſuch Subſtitutes or Deputies, or any of them, and to Appoint others in the Place of them, or any of them, from time to time as you ſhall ſee Cauſe: and to Settle, Eſtabliſh and Appoint ſuch Cheques, Comptrolls and Orders as you ſhall think neceſſary or ſafe for the full and due Charging of the Treaſurer and Receiver General, and alſo the ſaid Deputies, Subſtitutes, and all and every other Perſon and Perſons whatſoever, who ſhall Receive or be Chargeable with any Moneys, or other Profits for the Charitable Uſe or Purpoſe,

Publick Notice to be made of this Commiſſion.

Power to appoint Perſons to take Subſcriptions, and to collect Money given; and to make Cheques and Comptrolls on them.

poſe, to Anſwer, Pay or Account for the ſame. And that you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of you, from time to time as often as you or any Seven or more of you ſhall ſuſpect or doubt of any Concealment, Fraud, or any deceitful or indirect Practice in reference to any Moneys or other Things Subſcribed, Contributed, Given, Bequeathed or Appointed to the ſaid Uſe, ſhall and may Enquire thereof, by the Examination of Witneſſes on Oath, which you or any Seven or more of you have hereby Power to Adminiſter, or by any other lawful Ways and Means, whereby the Truth of the Matter in all ſuch Caſes may beſt be known, and to proceed thereupon with Effect, and to give ſuch Directions touching the ſame as you in your Diſcretions ſhall think fit. AND OUR PLEASURE is, and We do hereby Require and Command, that you Our ſaid Commiſſioners or any Seven or more of you, do from time to time Certifie to Our Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury now being, and to Our High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury for the time being, the Names of the Perſons, Societies, Bodies Politick or Corporate, who ſhall Subſcribe or Contribute, Give, Deviſe or Appoint any Moneys or any Real Eſtate, or other Matters or Things, towards this Charitable Deſign, with the Summs of Money, Goods, Chattels, Eſtates, or other Things by them reſpectively Contributed, Given, Limited, Appointed or Deviſed, TO the End a Perpe-

To examine Witneſſes upon Oath in relation thereto.

Required to certifie to the Lord High Treaſurer, the Names of the Contributors, and Summs given.

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tual Memorial be made of ſuch well-diſpoſed Perſons who ſhall become Benefactors as aforeſaid; and whereby alſo the Treaſurer or Receiver General may be charged with more Certainty in his Accompts. AND in regard We do confide very much in the Ability and Faithfulneſs of Our ſaid Truſty and Well-beloved *Galfridus Walpole* Eſquire, of Our eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, HAVE Nominated, Aſſigned and Appointed, AND by theſe Preſents do Nominate, Aſſign and Appoint him the ſaid *Galfridus Walpole* to be the Treaſurer and Receiver General of all the Moneys and other Profits which ſhall be Subſcribed, Contributed, Given, Bequeathed, Deviſed, Deſigned, or Appointed to or for the Building, Furniſhing, or Endowing of the ſaid Hoſpital, or for any Matter or Thing relating thereunto, to continue in that Truſt during Our Pleaſure. AND OUR PLEASURE IS, That the Treaſurer or Receiver General for the time being, ſhall have full Power and Authority, and is hereby fully Authorized from time to time upon the Receipt or Receipts of any Summ or Summs of Money, or other Profits for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, or any of them, to give an Acquittance or Acquittances for the ſame, which ſhall be good and ſufficient Diſcharges to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever. And the ſaid Treaſurer or Receiver General for the time being, in his Receipts, Payments and Accompts, ſhall be ſubject to ſuch Inſpection, Examination and Comptroll, as you

Galfridus Walpole Eſq; appointed Treaſurer.

The Treaſurer to give Acquittances for Money receiv'd.

The Treaſurer to be ſubject to ſuch Inſpection and Comproll as ſhall be appointed by the General Court.

or any Seven or more of you, whereof Our Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury, now and for the time being, or Our High Treaſurer for the time being, or any Two or more to be ſuch as aforeſaid, ſhall Eſtabliſh or Appoint. AND WE DO hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, ſtrictly Charge, Command, Enjoyn, and Require, that none of the Moneys, or other Things, which ſhall be Given, Contributed, Deviſed, Bequeathed, Deſigned, or Appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be diverted, iſſued or applied, or be in any wiſe applicable to any Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever, other than to the Charitable Purpoſes before mentioned, or ſome of them, or to defray Neceſſary Charges relating thereunto. AND to the End that the Building and Finiſhing of the ſaid Hoſpital may be carried on with as much ſpeed as is poſſible, WE do by theſe Preſents give full Power and Authority to you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of you, to call to your Aid and Aſſiſtance ſuch Skilful Artiſts, Officers and Workmen as you ſhall think fit, and to appoint them ſeverally their reſpective Charge or Buſineſs; and that you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of you, at your General Court to be held as aforeſaid, ſhall by Warrants in Writing direct the Iſſuing Payment,

No Money to be apply'd to other Uſes than the Charity hereby intended, and the neceſſary Charges relating thereunto.

Payment, Allowances, and Expenditure of the Moneys or Profits to be Contributed, Given, Bequeathed, Deviſed or Appointed as aforeſaid, to Buy or Pay for Timber, Brick, Stone, and other Materials; and for furniſhing the ſaid Hoſpital with Beds, and other Neceſſaries and Conveniencies, and to pay neceſſary and reaſonable Salaries, Wages, and Rewards to the ſaid Artiſts, Officers, and Workmen, which ſhall be Employed in the Building as aforeſaid, and to Reward thoſe who ſhall be neceſſarily employed in bringing in, receiving, paying, or accounting for the Moneys of the ſaid Contributions, and to defray all other Charges and Expences incident to the Execution of this Our Commiſſion, in ſuch Proportions, Manner and Form, as you ſhall from time to time judge Reaſonable and Meet. And that you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of you, ſhall and may Conſider, Adviſe, Agree upon, and Set down particular Orders and Inſtructions, as well for the Safe keeping of the Money, from time to time to be brought into the Treaſury, and of the Materials and Proviſions, from time to time to be brought into the Stores, as for the Faithful and Frugal Iſſuing out and Diſpoſal of the ſame for the Publick Uſe intended, and none other; and to Direct and Appoint by whom, and in what manner the Books and Accounts of both ſhall be from time to time Kept, Comptrolled,

The General Court of Commiſſioners by Warrants in Writing, are to direct the Payment of all Moneys for Building, Proviſions, Salaries for Servants, and all Incidents.

To make Rules for the keeping of the Money brought into the Treaſury: and alſo for the keeping the Stores and Proviſions, and Iſſuing the ſame, and for keeping of Books and Accounts, and for auditing the ſame.

Audited and Allowed. And you or any Seven or more of you, are to adviſe, treat, conſider and determine of all other Matters, Ways and Means whatſoever, for the Advancement of this Uſeful and Neceſſary Deſign, and to put the ſame in Execution, till the ſaid Hoſpital ſhall be compleatly Built, Finiſhed, and Furniſhed with all Things neceſſary thereunto. AND FURTHER, WE DO for Us, Our Heirs and Suceeſſors, Declare and Grant, that you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, and every of you, ſhall be only Accountable and Anſwerable to Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, for your own Reſpective Receipts, Actings or Doings; and not for the Receipts, Actings or Doings of one another; or of the Treaſurer hereby Appointed, or to be Appointed. PROVIDED always, and Our Pleaſure is, AND WE DO hereby Direct, Grant, and Appoint, that the ſaid *Galfridus Walpole*, hereby Appointed to be the Treaſurer and Receiver General as aforeſaid, ſhall and may, during his Continuance in that Truſt, for his Pains and Service in the Execution thereof, have, receive, retain and keep, out of the Moneys that ſhall from time to time be in his Hands by Virtue or Means of his Receipt, the Yearly Salary or Allowance of Two Hundred Pounds of good and lawful Britiſh Money, the ſame to be Paid and Retained Quarterly, at the Four moſt uſual Feaſts in the Year, by even and equal Portions, and to be from time

And they are to conſider and determine of all Matters for the full compleating the Deſign of this Commiſſion.

The Commiſſioners to be accountable every one for his own Acts only.

The Treaſurer to receive 200 l. a Year. Salary.

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to time allowed upon his Accounts, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding. AND LASTLY, Our Pleaſure is, AND WE do hereby Impower, Authorize, and Require you, to Proceed, Agree, Conclude, and finiſh all Caſes, Matters and Things, left Undetermined upon the ſaid late Commiſſion, granted for the Purpoſes aforeſaid. AND Theſe Our Letters Patents, or the Entry, Enrollment, or Exemplification thereof, ſhall be to you and every of you a ſufficient Warrant and diſcharge in this behalf. IN WITNESS whereof, We have cauſed theſe Our Letters to be made Patents. WITNESS Our Self at *Weſtminſter*, the Nineteenth Day of *January*, in the Firſt Year of Our Reign.

The Commiſſioners to finiſh all Matters left undetermined by the late Commiſſion.

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Per ipſum Regem.

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